



Pacific presence: A B-2 Spirit lands at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Sunday. B-2's are replacing the B-1B Lancers at Andersen as part of the continuous bomber rotation. More than 200 Airmen from Whiteman deployed to Guam as part of an Air Expeditionary Force.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Michael Dorus

Wing welcomes new commander

By 1st Lt. Mary Olsen
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Col. Greg Biscone assumed command of the 509th Bomb Wing from Brig. Gen. Chris Miller during a change-of-command ceremony Monday at the 442nd Fighter Wing 5-bay hangar.

Lt. Gen. Kevin Chilton, 8th Air Force commander, presided over the ceremony.

Military change-of-commands are a time-honored tradition which formally symbolizes the continuity of authority as the command is passed from one individual to another. The transfer of command is physically presented by passing the command flag, the tangible symbol of the unit, from the outgoing commander to the new.

In assuming command, Colonel Biscone said that he views upcoming changes and challenges the wing will face as an opportunity to become a stronger, better and more integrated total force.

"I'm certain that if this nation is to sustain dominance, we must continue to transform to meet the ever changing demands of our combat," he said.

Colonel Biscone also said he was committed to taking care of the outstanding Airmen of the 509th.

"We'll overcome our challenges by continuing to focus on the most important things: Develop our Airmen and take care of their families," he said. "We'll be rested and ready to execute expeditionary combat operations and we will dominate the battlespace when called."

General Chilton said he was confident in Colonel Biscone's leadership, and cited the real-world experience he brings to the B-2 community. This is Colonel Biscone's third tour at Whiteman. He served here before as the 393rd Bomb Squadron commander from April 1997-June 1998, and later as the 509th Operations Group commander from December 2001-July 2003.

"You have my every confidence that you will be a great commander and lead this wing to new and higher successes here during your tenure," General Chilton said to Colonel Biscone. "They're poised and ready for you and I know you'll take them forward."

General Chilton also recalled some of the 509th's recent accomplishments under General Miller's command.

"Under General Miller's leadership, the 509th continued to excel and lead in ways generating the first B-2 AEF deployment to PACOM, and now the second," he said. "He achieved high-water marks in nuclear surety and maintenance effectiveness."

General Chilton also commented on the vital role that the Airmen at Whiteman play to our nation's defense.

"Your spirit, the warrior spirit, is evident everywhere I look at Whiteman Air Force base," he said. "What you do draws the attention of the highest leadership of the United States of America."

General Chilton bid General Miller farewell and said he knows he will do great things at his next assignment as



Photo by Staff Sgt. Felicia Haecker

Lt. Gen. Kevin Chilton, 8th Air Force commander, Col. Greg Biscone, 509th Bomb Wing commander, and Brig. Gen. Chris Miller stand at attention at a change-of-command ceremony Monday.

commander of the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing commander and director of the Air Component Coordination Element in Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

"The United States of America needs his leadership and I can't think of a finer man to carry the flag forward to Afghanistan," General Chilton said.

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Air Force Quiz

How many people have commanded the 509th? (see answer below)

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Commander's Corner

Glad to be back

By Col. Greg Biscone
509th Bomb Wing commander

Team Whiteman thanks for the warm welcome home! I've had the opportunity to watch and participate in the growth of this wing and its combat successes since the delivery of the *Spirit of Missouri* back on Dec. 17, 1993, and you're stronger than ever.

Debbie and I know many of you and appreciate all you've done in the past to give us this opportunity to lead the wing.

We look forward to making a positive difference in the mission and your work and personal lives ... while you help us make this powerful wing and each Airman even stronger.

Thanks also for a world-class change of command ceremony.

Capt. Bob Bryant, 13th Bomb Squadron, Capt. Mike Burrell, 509th Comptroller Squadron, Master Sgt. Kelley Morrow, 509th Medical Support Squadron, and the crew they put together highlighted to Lt. Gen. Kevin Chilton, even on the heels of deployment activity, you don't miss a detail. I understand the extra effort that took.

So, how do we start as a team with a new leader?

We'll start in stride. In his message to

you last week, Brig. Gen. Chris Miller recounted the wing's goals.

While I'm here we'll continue to: develop Airmen and care for their families; be prepared to generate global strike sorties and deploy; and we'll be prepared to dominate the fight, when called. These goals will continue to provide our primary vector.

During the first month I'll make few, if any, changes to the way you do business. I'll get out and let you tell me all the good things you're doing and how you're getting it done.

Gen. Ron Keys, the commander of Air Combat Command, gives his commanders great authority to do the right thing, so I'll also listen for those areas that have obstacles to achieving excellence—then we'll get rid of those obstacles.

From the start, though, I want you to understand my primary focus.

I know the strength of any team is derived from the strength of the individual and their willingness to work well with others.

To do this we must have each other's backs and to try to become a little better, individually and as a team, every day.

My primary focus is to help you be better as an individual and as an Airman.



Col. Greg Biscone
509th Bomb Wing commander

In that way I know we'll continue to build more powerful Airmen and citizens and create a more powerful team.

In short, each day we'll go about building a more powerful Spirit. I know I can count on you to help get this done! None finer...

In service to our nation

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Bussiere
13th Bomb Squadron Commander

In just a few short weeks, a great man and leader will be retiring from our Air Force—his name is Col. Anthony "Tony" Imondi.

Col Imondi is nothing short of a legend in the B-2 community.

Recently, on Dec. 16, 2005, the Honorable Ike Skelton, of Missouri's 4th District, paid tribute to Colonel Imondi's service to our nation on the floor of the House of Representatives by saying "Mr. Speaker, I know the members of the house will join me in paying tribute to Colonel Tony Imondi for his exceptional commitment to the United States Air Force and the United States of America."

Colonel Imondi joined the B-2 Stealth Bomber program in 1987 as a member of the B-2 Operational Test and Evaluation team and served as the deputy commander of operations for the 31st Test and Evaluation Squadron at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

On Sept. 27, 1991, he became Strategic Air Command's first B-2 Pilot—Spirit #13.

He subsequently moved to Whiteman as the deputy commander of the 509th Operations Group before reassignment to attend senior service school and

a two year tour on the staff of the secretary of defense.

In 1998, Colonel Imondi returned to Whiteman as the Commander of the 509th Operations Group.

It was on this second tour to Whiteman that I first had the honor of meeting and then working for Colonel Imondi as he led the B-2 operations team from Initial Operational Capability to an astoundingly successful combat debut in Operation Allied Force.

Colonel Imondi's organizational vision and leadership style produced a highly motivated, dedicated and cohesive team that could ultimately take on any task. I would like to share with you a few observations about this great American hero.

Colonel Imondi was a leader that demanded nothing but the best, requiring that every member of his team contribute to the good of the unit.

I truly admired his leadership traits that focused on the mission and ensured that every warrior was prepared to do their job.

Colonel Imondi's leadership style embodied the characteristic of responsibility—we knew what to expect from him and what he expected from us—he expected us to focus on the mission, put the distractions aside

and get the job done.

Colonel Imondi always treated everyone with dignity and respect. He set high standards. He communicated only the facts and always provided continuous feedback. Col Imondi had a distinct way of creating an atmosphere of mutual self-worth and understanding in the group.

Colonel Imondi made it perfectly clear that every squadron in the operations group had a stake in the success or failure of the group.

Everyone understands that successful organizations run on loyalty both up and down the chain of command. There was never a question of Colonel Imondi's loyalty and our loyalty to him was unwavering. His leadership style enabled the operations group to have clarity of purpose—we all knew where the train was going and what we needed to do to keep it on track.

This clarity of purpose was evident as he led us into combat—he focused the operations group on employing the B-2 to maximize its lethality and his positive attitude was a force multiplier.

Colonel Imondi is a senior Air Force leader that embodies the leadership characteristics that we all aspire to have—integrity, credibility, competence, enthusiasm and perpetual optimism. He trusted his peo-

ple to do their jobs and provided outstanding guidance, direction, and leadership.

It was an absolute honor working for Colonel Imondi and I will always remember the valuable lessons he taught me.

The B-2 community owes Colonel Imondi a great deal of gratitude. The successes we have enjoyed in the B-2 program over the last ten years are indeed a tribute to the foundation he established years ago.

We salute you on your retirement and thank you for your service to our nation—you made a difference! Godspeed.



Col. Anthony "Tony" Imondi

Newsline

MedGp changes hours

Effective immediately, the 509th Medical Group will no longer be open on Saturdays.

To access healthcare, call the on-call primary care manager at 687-2188. They will advise you on the best course of medical care.

ESC election results

The Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Club has elected its' board for the 2006-2007 term. Congratulations to the following ladies:

President - Joanna Bradshaw
Vice President - Jessica Bogedain
Corresponding Secretary - Shannon Nickelson
Recording Secretary - Kris Bailie
General Treasurer - Nikki Traylor
Charitable Treasurer - Leslie Goddard

Informational Social Security Briefing Set

The Warrensburg Social Security Office will present a short informational briefing about the Social Security System Wednesday at the Family Support Center.

It will cover topics such as the history, solvency, and benefits of the Social Security Administration, the windfall elimination provision and government pension offset which can sometimes affect civilian retirees who have paid little into Social Security.

Any military member (active duty or retired), family member or civilian employee are welcome to attend.

Reservations are required. To make a reservation, call 687-7132.

MOAA meeting set

The Military Officers Association Spirit Chapter will meet May 13 in the Truman Library at 500 West 24 Highway in Independence at 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$4.75. Call 747-3634 by Wednesday. Soft drinks will be provided, however those attending should bring a sack lunch.

For more information, call John Riffle at 816-540-2929.

Case lot sale set

The Whiteman Commissary will host the annual Spring Case Lot sale May 13-14. The hours for the sale on Saturday will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information, please call Margaret Joyner at 687-5655.

Blood Drive set

The Red Cross will have a blood drive May 24-25 at the Community Activity Center from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The event, which is sponsored by the Whiteman Officers' Spouse's Club, will have Papa John's Pizza and other refreshments provided, along with a free t-shirt to all donors.

For more information or to book a "Fast Pass" appointment, go to www.givelife.org and use sponsor code "WhitemanAFB", or e-mail Jennifer Belardo at mikeandjenbelardo@yahoo.com.

Car Wash at BX

There will be a car wash on May 19 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the BX parking lot to support the 2006 Senior NCO Induction Banquet. Any donations are appreciated.

ACT Testing offered

The Base Education and Training Flight will offer the American College Testing assessment 7:30 a.m. June 16

To sign up please email the test examiner at ron.johnson@whiteman.af.mil.

Chief McKinley selected as 15th CMSAF

WASHINGTON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Moseley has named Chief Master Sgt. Rodney McKinley to serve as the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Chief McKinley will assume his new position July 1, following the June 30 retirement of Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. Chief Murray's retirement culminates 29 years of service to the Air Force.

"I'm excited to have Chief McKinley take the helm of our enlisted force," General Moseley said. "Chief McKinley is a tremendous leader with an impressive array of expeditionary and combat experiences to help him steer our Airmen and serve as my partner."

"We were blessed to have a number of exceptionally well-qualified candidates for the position. While the decision was not an easy one, I feel we have the right person to lead our enlisted force during this time of a long war on terrorism, recapitalization and transformation. I look forward to working with him."

Chief McKinley is currently the command chief master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces. He originally joined the Air Force in 1974, took a break in service in 1977, attended college and re-entered the Air Force in 1982.

Chief McKinley's career includes assignments in the medical, aircraft maintenance and first sergeant fields. He has also served as the command chief master sergeant of the 86th Airlift Wing at Ramstein Air Base, Germany; 1st Fighter Wing at Langley Air Force Base, Va.; 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia; and 11th Air Force at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

The office of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, provides direction for the enlisted corps and represents their interests to the American public and all levels of government.

The chief master sergeant of the Air Force serves as a personal adviser to the Air Force chief of staff and secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force and their families.



U.S. Air Force photo

Chief Master Sgt. Rodney McKinley, shown here shaking hands with Airmen, has been selected as the 15th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Moseley. Chief McKinley currently serves as the command chief master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces.

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Force chief of staff and secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force and their families.

509th SFS enforces cellphone regulations

By Staff Sgt. Richard Coats
509th Security Forces Squadron

On Monday, the 509th Security Forces Squadron started enforcing the new Department of Defense policy on restricting cell phone use while operating all vehicles on military installations and for government owned vehicles both on and off installations.

The 509th SFS will enforce this policy in two phases. The first phase will be a 60-day education period where offenders may be stopped for violating the new policy but will only receive a verbal warning, not a traffic citation.

Once the 60-day education period is complete, violators will be cited for a moving traffic violation much like speeding or running a stop sign.

Once traffic citations are issued, an offense will result in three traffic points being assessed against a driver's on-base driving record.

If a vehicle operator accumulates 12 traffic points within 12-consecutive months or 18 points within 24-consecutive months, they will have their on-base driving privileges suspended for a minimum of six months.

Air Force Instruction 31-218, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, restricts the use of all cellular telephones while operating all vehicles on military installations and for government owned vehicles both on and off installations.

This policy states that operators will not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands-free device.

By definition, a hands-free device is any device that allows a person to listen to and talk on a cellular phone without using their hands.

Dialing, answering or hanging up the phone can still be done with one hand but drivers should exercise caution when taking these actions much the same as changing the channel on your car radio or adjusting the climate controls. The distractions caused while taking these actions places you and others at risk.

For more information about this new policy, contact the NCOI in charge of police services, Tech. Sgt. Richard Coats at 687-4254.

Outstanding CDC end of course scores

Seven Airmen who earned outstanding career development course test results were recognized at a ceremony Monday at Mission's End.

They are:

90 — Staff Sgt. Adrian Martinez,
509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Katrina Ball, 509th Maintenance Squadron — **92**

93 — Airman Tonya Von Thun, 509th Services Squadron

— Senior Airman Justin Jackson, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman 1st Class Derrick Allen, 509th CES — **94**

95 — Staff Sgt. Moises, Alhambra, 509th SVS

Staff Sgt. Jeffery Shields, 13th Bomb Squadron — **99**

You can never B-2 safe!

Wing announces quarterly award winners

By Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 509th Bomb Wing honored the first quarter award winners during a breakfast at Mission's End April 27. The winners are:

Company Grade Officer

Capt. Matthew Michaud, 393rd Bomb Squadron, is the Company Grade Officer of the Quarter.

The weapons and tactics B-2 mission commander was the 509th Bomb Wing's representative for the first low observable and coalition Red Flag, where he destroyed 53 targets in 13 hours on three flights. Captain Michaud led a 10-jet strike featuring the Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System, Airborne Warning and Control System, EA-6, UK Nimrod and six fighter aircraft en route to killing a time-sensitive target.

He revised the wing's pilot checklists and training plan; solved the wing's generation exercise coordinating issues, and updated procedures with the 509th Security Forces Squadron.

In his spare time, he is a Ducks Unlimited volunteer and helped raise \$8,000 as the committee member for the local Black Water Chapter's banquet.

He also drove to Minneapolis-St. Paul to brief more than 300 students and faculty at universities about B-2 operations at Whiteman and the U.S. Air Force.

Senior NCO

Master Sgt. Glen Cottrell Jr., 509th Maintenance Squadron, is the Senior NCO of the Quarter.

The aerospace ground equipment flight chief achieved the best quality assurance rate in 1.5 years when he led 94 people to high standards that resulted in zero no-shows or driving under the influence.

Sergeant Cottrell prioritized stand urgent-action time compliance technical orders, and ensured 100 percent compliant safe rail assembly. He also spotted new career field education and training plan shortfalls and directed an Air Force Career Field Manager and Airstaff revision.

He erased mission impact due to auxiliary power unit restriction when he led the joint use of 95 air carts with the 442nd Fighter Wing, which supported 135 sorties.

Sergeant Cottrell is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in military management through the American Military University.

In his spare time, he coordinated the Maintenance Professional of the Year banquet and created a slideshow of the 65 nominees photos, which was enjoyed by more than 350 people.

He also volunteered at the Special Olympics basketball regionals and assisted in building a home in Knob Noster through the Habitat for Humanity.

NCO

Tech. Sgt. Chad Corcoran, 509th Maintenance Squadron, is the NCO of the Quarter.

Sergeant Corcoran oversaw 1,860 dispatches, drove 981 T-38 and B-2 sorties, and aided in 2,000 flying hours without one missed or late take-off. His superb support for 147 transient aircraft ensured 100 percent on-time departures, which earned him praise from DynaCorp and VIPs.

The aerospace ground equipment servicing section supervisor performed 15 portable control hot air system hot refuels and prevented a critical maintenance, which saved \$150,000 in lost material and man hours. He also repaired a cabin pressure tester alternating current cable that saved \$800 and enabled the aircraft to be flown to the Red Flag exercise the same day.

He is pursuing his Community College of the Air Force

degree and holds a 3.9 Grade Point Average. He also attended an 8-hour Microsoft Access class at Central Missouri State University, where he designed an AGE database.

In his spare time, Sergeant Corcoran recruited eight volunteers to relocate the Warrensburg public library, which moved more than 42,000 pounds of furniture and books. He has also saved four lives as an active Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteer.

Airman

Senior Airman Derek Greaves, 509th Operation Support Squadron, is the Airman of the Quarter.

Senior Airman Greaves ensured the protection and safe movement of more than 5,000 aircraft worth \$46 billion with zero separation errors.

The air traffic controller maximized crew resource management principals to save four lives, recover two in-flight emergency aircraft and rescue \$4.4 billion in Air Force assets.

He also constructed 32 training scenarios for the air traffic control simulator, which saved 238 hours and reduced controller upgrade time by 18 percent.

Airman Greaves is currently pursuing his CCAF degree in Airway Science, and holds a 4.0 GPA.

In his spare time he has devoted over 80 hours at the New Life Assembly of God as a youth leader and mentor. He was also a guardian of deployed warriors as he collected and distributed care packages, which increased squadron morale and troop effectiveness.

Honor Guard

Senior Airman Bruce Guillaume, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is the Honor Guardsman of the Quarter.

Airman Guillaume traveled more than 1,300 miles to 15 funeral details and flawlessly presented honors to all and was commended by all of the families.

The B-2 electrical and environmental journeyman Air Force ambassador led the colors team at a Kansas City Prayer Breakfast where 28 mayors were present from surrounding cities. He also took charge of the wing's Annual Awards Banquet and led a perfect performance that was viewed by 200 of Whiteman's finest.

He is also an Honor Guard recruiter who served at the NCO in charge position for two First Term Airmans' Classes funeral details, which educated more than 50 students.

In his spare time, Airman Guillaume increased his computer skills when he completed the Microsoft Windows and Office instruction, scoring a 98 percent.

He has volunteered at the Warrensburg Veteran's home where he served 120 meals, and at the Warrensburg Middle School track meet where he timed several events

Volunteer

Tina Wilson, wife of Sgt. First Class Carl Wilson, 1st of the 135th Aviation Battalion, is the Volunteer of the Quarter.

The thrift shop volunteer, who provided more than 80 hours, directed the front counter where she inspected and cleaned new and used merchandise. She is also a properties chairperson who attended all executive and general board meetings, and submitted monthly reports to the president.

She helped raise \$10,000 in thrift shop profits, which went to spouses and dependents in scholarship money. Mrs. Wilson's efforts also earned \$6,300 in support of more than 30 charities that the Enlisted Spouse's Club and Officer's Spouses Club donate to.

In her spare time, Mrs. Wilson has volunteered countless hours helping to establish a growing church in Kansas City where she has coordinated the music group, organized

the kitchen and nursery, and acted as church secretary.

Laborer/Craftsman

Robert Sopko, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, is the Laborer/Craftsman of the Quarter.

The wastewater treatment plant operator provided critical continuity to Whiteman's highly complex wastewater treatment system, which earned the base recognition as the best trickling filter operation in the state.

Mr. Sopko's efforts have guaranteed that plant discharge meets all state, federal and Air Force standards. He also ensured 100 percent accuracy was obtained during all weekly laboratory tests performed through his attention to detail.

His technical expertise and safety awareness aided the replacement of seven deteriorating steel valves that saved \$130,000 in contractor repair costs by performing the intricate valve replacement project in-house.

Mr. Sopko completed a supervisory control and data acquisition operations and maintenance course to stay current with the latest technology, and actively pursues training and conferences to stay current on changing state and federal regulations.

In his spare time, he teaches sportsmanship and teamwork to area youngsters as an assistant coach for a Warrensburg youth soccer team.

Specialist/Manager

Celestine Stoudermire, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, is the Specialist of the Quarter.

Mrs. Stoudermire mentored and supervised 13 active duty, general service and contract registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

As the clinical information manager and nurse manager, she effortlessly coordinated 23 staff schedules, which surpassed Air Force Medical Service access standards by eight percent. She also orchestrated the efficient orientation of contract nurse and physician assistant with minimal supervision after training.

Mrs. Stoudermire has completed the quality assurance evaluation training, and is an expert liaison for the group and contracting matters.

In her spare time, she has volunteered 30 hours to the development of electronic educational forms for the Kansas City Veterans' Administration Medical Center, and is a respected church member who provides child care services every month.

Associate

Melissa Klinkner, 509th Bomb Wing, is the Associate Civilian of the Quarter.

The public affairs office automation clerk spearheaded the Base Community Council program, which is an organization that consists of more than 350 civic leaders in 17 local communities. She also expertly handled BCC financial matters by collecting and balancing over \$1,275 per month.

She worked the public affairs tour program, which connected 727 Whiteman visitors to the U.S. Air Force, and she was lauded by the 509th BW and 442nd Fighter Wing commanders as a phenomenal artist for her efforts in the coin and shirt design for the joint civic leader tour.

She is a motivated full-time student focused on earning her bachelor's in Commercial Art and Graphic Design at CMSU where she holds a 3.92 GPA.

In her spare time, she helped under-privileged kids in Chicago during a college spring break church mission. She also improved others by organizing a 15-person student-centered prayer group.



86 Whiteman members promoted in May



AIRMEN

Joseph English, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Hasan Zaidi, 509th Communications Squadron
Broddrick Stringfellow, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Kayla Ankrum and **Eliana Schuster**, 509th Maintenance Squadron
Lynn Amoroso, 509th Medical Operations Squadron
Kellen Brown, 509th Munitions Squadron
Cheri Alsip, 509th Operations Support Squadron
James Spishock, 509th Security Forces Squadron
Donald Griffith, 509th Services Squadron



AIRMEN 1ST CLASS

Rebecca Boden, 509th OSS
Timothy Allison, Jr., **Brandon Doach**, **Chance Farmer**, **Quentin Gantt**, **Alain Grimmatt**, **Jason Jones**, **Alicia Martinez** and **Nicholas Williams**, 509th SFS
Bret Bellina, 509th SVS



SENIOR AIRMEN

Eric Ainsley, **Matthew Edwards**, **James Olsen**, and **Samuel Stainback**, 509th AMXS
Edwin Salgado, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron
Nicholas Albright and **Jacqueline Pender**, 509th CS
William Wilttrout, 509th Comptroller Squadron
John Braswell and **Brittany Musleh**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Christopher Munday, **Karl Potter** and **Randolph Tilton**, 509th Maintenance Squadron
Anna Bennett and **Shannon Malenky**, 509th MDOS
Crystal Stuart, 509th Mission Support Squadron
Cody Clark, **James Collins**, **Nicholas Hutcheson** and **Ashley Korf**, 509th SFS



STAFF SERGEANTS

Joshua Buckholtz, 13th Bomb Squadron
David Beck, **Shea Dutcher**, **Brent Flannary**, **Stephen Lang** and **Timothy Sullivan**, 509th AMXS
Joshua Miller, **Ryan Wilfong** and **Kevin Williams**, 509th CES

Dexter Brown, **David Morin, Jr.**, and **Troy Rupnik**, 509th LRS
Christopher Callow, **Michael Hutchins**, **Joseph Parks**, **Kristopher Robinson**, and **Ruben Zamora**, 509th MXS

Jennifer Dolak, 509th MDOS
Robert Rath, 509th OSS
Timothy Gatherum, **Christopher Sandefur** and **Charles Whaley**, 509th SFS



TECHNICAL SERGEANTS

Joseph Kerzic, 509th CES
Daniel Whithy, 509th CS
Matthew Null, 509th Contracting Squadron
Cheron Nieves, 509th LRS
Michael Faulk, **Nicholas Leggett** and **Jonathon Neubauer**, 509th MXS
Christopher Hinote, 509th MUNS
Angelique St. Pierre, Detachment 6, 372nd Training Squadron



MASTER SERGEANTS

Jeffrey Prescott, 509th AMXS
Roy Ollie and **Dennis Wilson**, 509th Bomb Wing
Randal Halstead and **Phillip Hull**, 509th CES
Shayne Pederson, 509th LRS
Gregory Williams, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Francis Mcgrath, **John Stemple** and **Paul White**, 509th MXS
Lewis Long, 509th MUNS
Charles Roseberry, 509th SFS



SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Joey Thomas, 509th MXS
Bryan Sanders, 509th SFS



CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

Charles Hammerle, 509th AMXS

Carolyn Knothe, Officer Spouse's Club publicity representative (left), and Joanna Bradshaw, Enlisted Spouse's Club president (middle), assist customer Faye Peer with a donation April 27. One area the volunteers concentrate on are consignments, which profit donors 75 percent when sold. Donors are asked to make donations that are clean and in good repair. The thrift store is open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. However, volunteers will be given a much needed break when the thrift store is closed in July for annual cleanup.



Photo graphically enhanced by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

Volunteers SHINE



LEFT: Masy Mason, Paulette Underwood, Lisa Scalf and Delia Everett volunteer at the Airman's Attic April 28. There are currently 15 volunteers who facilitate the operation of Airman's Attic, which accepts donations that are clean and in good repair, and offers free items to active-duty members and their families in the ranks of E-5 and below. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. but will be closed Memorial Day.

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Volunteers make a difference by giving their time. Last year, 734 base volunteers donated more than 50,000 hours to make Whiteman a better place. A volunteer can positively impact people's daily lives and several agencies are supported by their efforts.

Agencies such as: Airmen Against Drunk Driving, Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, Boy Scouts, chapel, Cub Scouts, dental clinic, Enlisted Spouses' Club, Family Support Center, Girl Scouts, Key Spouses, legal office, Medical Group, Officers' Spouses' Club, Retiree Activities, Spirit 4-H, tax center, teen center, Whiteman Elementary School, youth center, youth sports, and more enlisted plenty of volunteer help during 2005.

"If the commander paid to have the services our volunteers gave to the community during 2005, he would have had to render over \$900,000," said Alan Stachowiak, Base Volunteer Coordinator. He made reference to the Points of Light Foundation study, which found a volunteer's time is worth approximately \$18.04 an hour.

The Airman's Attic, which is operated by the Family Support Center and has as many as 15 volunteers, is a focal point for many volunteers. It is mainly because of the volunteers that the Attic has flourished in the last year.

The agency was in a slump until the Attic obtained new clothing racks, interior painting and had wooden storage shelves built, said Masy Mason, store volunteer.

Mrs. Mason is a volunteer seamstress and has repaired countless items that were slightly torn or had malfunctioning zippers.

Another base agency that receives a slew of volunteerism is the thrift store. Volunteers from the Whiteman

Enlisted Spouses' Club and the Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club make up the entire store operation, with the exception of the manager, who oversees that donated merchandise is clean and can be resold.

Because volunteers impact the military community by making it an enjoyable place to work and play, the base gave something back to them during a dinner held in their honor April 18. The guests were given certificates, door prizes and enjoyed music performed by the Central Mis-

souri State University 'Lyrical Ladies' choir.

"We joined millions of Americans in celebrating National Volunteer Week, which was established 32 years ago when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order," Mr. Stachowiak said. "The volunteer reception was a way for the base to say 'thank you' to its volunteers since they are a significant part of what we do."

To learn more about volunteering or to become a volunteer call the Family Support Center at 687-7132.

Annual Volunteer Awards

The Volunteer Excellence Award is a significant Air Force-level award authorized by the chief of staff of the Air Force. It was established to recognize federal civilians, family members of any age, and military and federal retirees who perform outstanding volunteer community service of a sustained, direct and consequential nature. The Whiteman 2005 VEA winners are:

Johnna Scobey

She is very active in the Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Club serving as its Activities Committee chairperson. She is an active volunteer having served as a Boy Scouts Co-Leader, Girl Scouts Co-Den Leader, a Room Parent for Whiteman Elementary School, a Key Spouse, a Team Parent at the Youth Center, and a worker at the Airmen's Attic. Johnna is married to Senior Master Sgt. Michael J. Scobey, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron. They have two children, Kari and Eric.



Cindy Johnson

She has served as the Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop chairperson this year, and she helped generate more than \$26,500 for the Thrift Shop. This money is used to support many worthwhile causes such as Freedom House, Survival House, Missouri's Girl's Town, the Warrensburg Homeless Shelter and non-scholarship opportunities for military spouses and dependent children. Cindy is married to Lt. Col. Jeffery Johnson, 509th Medical Operations Squadron. They have two children, Carmen and Ronda.



Nurses: Strength, commitment, compassion

By Lt. Col. Tracy Kaeslin

509th Medical Group chief course executive

Tomorrow through May 12 is designated as National Nurses Week. This year's theme is "Nurses: Strength, Commitment, Compassion."

Nurses Week got its start in 1953 when a letter was sent to President Eisenhower by Dorothy Sutherland from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The week of celebrations starts with National Nurses Day tomorrow and concludes May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

One of the many things Florence Nightingale has been credited with, is taking nursing to the battlefield, which she did during the Crimean War, in 1854.

According to the American Nurses Association, nurses represent the largest group of healthcare workers at 2.9 million strong.

In the Air Force, we have more than 3,700 nurses on active duty. We are currently in the midst of a national nursing shortage which the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services expects will hit 800,000 by the year 2020.

There are several factors for this shortage, two of which are the median ages of nurses currently practicing, and the age of the nation's nursing instructors.

There are currently not enough instructors to teach due to the fact that a significant portion are reaching retire-

ment age and thousands of prospective students are turned away each year due to the instructor shortage.

At a current nursing shortage of over 150,000, the Air Force feels the issue as well as it is difficult to meet our recruiting goals.

This year's National Nurses Week theme speaks volumes to what the nurses of our Air Force do day in and day out.

They show strength in withstanding changing times and adapting to the needs of a nation at war.

They show commitment to their duties, at home and abroad, whether active duty or civilian.

They show compassion, in caring for wounded Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen.

They show compassion in meeting the needs of you, our beneficiary population. They seek to learn new tasks, new theories, new ways of providing outstanding, safe, effective and efficient patient care.

They are committed to taking care of deployed members families and they are committed to you and our nation.

If you interact with one of our nurses or nursing staff, or know nurses in your local community, be sure to stop and say thank you to them. They are hard working, patient focused and do their best to care for all of us.

I give my special thanks to my comrades in nursing of the 509th Medical Group, active duty, civil service, and contractor, for their strength, commitment, and compassion.

Housing matters

(Editors note: The Housing Matters section is provide by the housing managment office. It is designed to providing accurate and up to date information to housing residents to promote safety and improve the overall appearance of the housing area.)

Housing residents are asked to refer to their housing brochure which outlines many of the Air Force's responsibilities for maintaining base housing as well as what we expect from our residents.

Residents are issued a housing brochure when the house is assigned. It is the resident's responsibility to read their brochure and follow the guidelines and rules outlined in the brochure.

With summer approaching, many residents are installing swimming pools.

The housing brochure outlines the policy for swimming pools.

Only above ground pools are authorized with a maximum size of 12 feet

diameter, 3 feet deep and no more than 2,000 gallon capacity.

Wading pools should be supervised at all times and emptied when not supervised. Large pools should be covered, locked and the ladder removed when not in use.

Pools designed where the top can be removed by pushing in on the inflated side walls are not considered "locked," and for safety reasons, may not be left unattended when filled with water.

If left filled, the pools must be placed in a fenced area behind the quarters and must be properly secured when not supervised.

It is suggested that you contact base legal office regarding liabilities

before installing a pool.

All swimming pools require approval on an Air Force Form 332, Base Civil Engineer Work Request, prior to installation.

For more information, call the housing management office at 687-1844.



FAMILY ALBUM

SPIRIT TIMES
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Kevin Allan, son of Senior Airman Kevin and Heather Williams, was born Feb 2, and weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces.



Alexander Isaiah, son of Staff Sgts. Ameer and Tawana Weston, was born March 18, and weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces.



Sara Beatrice, daughter of Maj. Michael and Angela Myers, was born Mar 27, and weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces.



Gabrielle Grace, daughter of Petty Officer 1st Class James and Evangeline McDonald, was born April 12, and weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces.

About the family album

The family album is designed to spotlight new additions to the Whiteman community.

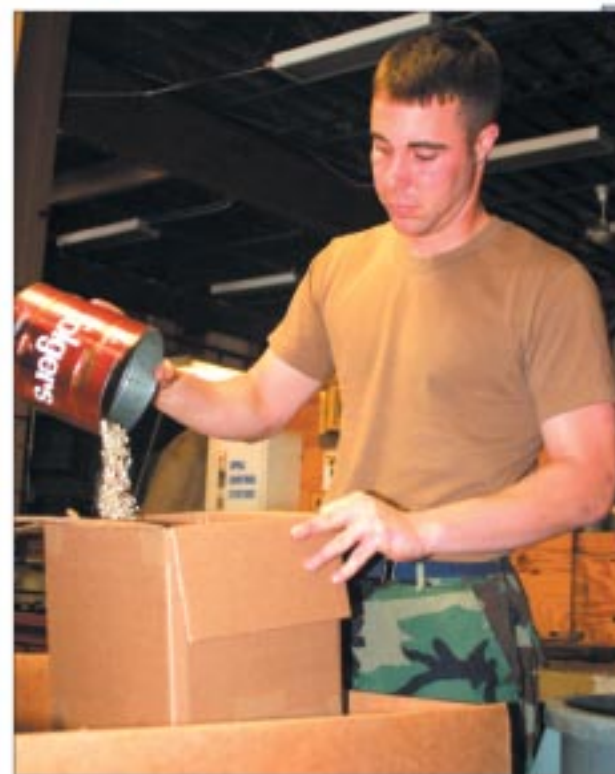
Parents interested in placing a newborn's photo in the *Spirit Times* can either submit a non-copyrighted photo or have a photo taken 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays in Bldg. 509, Suite 111.

For more details, e-mail spirit.times@whiteman.af.mil or call 687-6133.

Shipping Freight

509th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Traffic Management Flight keeps government assets moving

Senior Airman Keith Stallwood, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron Traffic Management Flight, prints out some shipping labels for outgoing shipments. Airman Stallwood also had to enter the shipping information into the system to ensure the payment for the shipment is made.



Photos and layout by Airman 1st Class Jason Barton

ABOVE: Airman 1st Class Chad Latta, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, adds vermiculite for protection to a hazardous shipment. Vermiculite is used as both a shock absorber and liquid absorbent to protect hazardous materials during shipment.



ABOVE: Jim Mitchell, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron packing and crating technician, prepares to cut some wood to make a shipping crate. Mr. Mitchell is responsible for making the crates that allow items to be safely transported to their destinations. On average, Mr. Mitchell makes between 10-30 wooden crates per month all varying in shape and size.

LEFT: Airman Rebekah McWilliams, 442nd Logistics Readiness Flight, prepares an outgoing shipment. On average, traffic management flight ships 490 small parcels, 15 Classified shipments, 40 mission capable shipments 45 munitions/explosives, 24 heavy freight shipments, five engine shipments and they receive around 1,000 inbound shipments each month. Airman McWilliams is one of three 442nd LRS Airmen assigned to the 509th LRS.

RIGHT: Airman Candice Harris, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, moves some cargo using a fork lift. The 509th LRS Traffic Management Flight, formerly TMO, is the focal point for Whiteman's ground freight movement. The 11-person shop is responsible for shipping government items ranging from envelopes, and weapons, to hazardous materials, aircraft engines and vehicles.



TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FLIGHT INFORMATION

Established delivery and pickup hours

- All mission capable (MICAP) shipments will be accepted 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. During exercises and mobility, only MICAP shipments will be accepted and processed by the cargo movement section.
- Priority cargo shipments will be accepted 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- To meet shipment deadlines for same-day shipment, all classified/protected cargo shipments must be turned over to the cargo movement section by 9 a.m. on the day scheduled, unless otherwise coordinated with the NCO in charge of out-bound cargo.
- A 24-hour notice with total number of pieces and the transportation control number (TCN) number is required for all cargo identified as classified and/or protected.
- General cargo shipments will be accepted 7:30-10 a.m. Monday-Friday.
- Pickup time for all inbound shipments marked for units or individuals is 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Shipping documentation

The following requirements apply to all cargo that is shipped utilizing a Department of Defense Form 1149:

- Only the electronic DD Form 1149, Requisition and Invoice/Shipping Document, will be accepted. TMF will no longer accept handwritten forms. Cargo movement will assist in completion of the registration process if needed.
 - To create an electronic DD Form 1149, log on to:
<https://www.afmc-mil.wpafb.af.mil/HQ-AFMC/LG/LSO/la/>
- For more information, questions, or help filling the form out, contact the TMF cargo section at 687-1316 or 687-4144.

